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FCC Renews EAS National Advisory Committee Charter

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In accordance with GSA Final Rule on Federal advisory committee management, 41 CFR 101-6.1015, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is giving official notice of the renewal of the Emergency Alert System National Advisory Committee (NAC). The term of this advisory committee runs from July 25, 1998 to July 25, 2000.

The Committee advises the FCC on all matters concerning the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and its implementation including, but not limited to, emergency alerting policies, technologies, plans, regulations, and procedures at the national, state and local levels. The Committee also recommends and develops training and education regarding the EAS and coordinates with state and local officials to assist in establishing and maintaining effective emergency alerting programs. The Committee, in general, interfaces,

coordinates, and exchanges information with the public, industry, and various levels of government concerning the EAS.

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International Traffic Data Reporting Requirements

All common carriers that provided international telecommunications services in 1997 must file a report of their international traffic data for calendar year 1997 by July 31, 1998. The detailed filing requirements are contained in the "Manual for Filing Section 43.61 Data" (Manual). This Public Notice provides first a brief overview of the Section 43.61 annual filing requirement. Second, it establishes additional billing codes that "facilities-based" and "facilities-resale" (described below) carriers should use to report U.S. and foreign billed traffic that was settled under an "alternative settlement arrangement" for which the carrier received Commission approval under § 64.1002 of the rules, 47 CFR 64.1002. It also makes a conforming change to the billing code for "pure resale" services. Third, this notice provides guidance to carriers with respect to reporting: (1) Switched traffic routed over international private lines; (2) "country direct" and "country beyond" services; and (3) "reorigination" services (foreign-billed services which a U.S.-authorized carrier "reoriginated" through the United States). Attached to this Public Notice is a revised table of billing codes for facilities-based and facilities-resale services. This table sets forth the new billing codes for facilities-based and facilities-resale services in a form that is intended to clarify the reporting of data for these services. Carriers that anticipate problems in filing their 1997 data in accordance with the guidelines and billing codes contained in this notice should obtain a waiver prior to July 31.

Overview

All common carriers that billed for international service in 1997, including pre-paid calling card and international

call-back service providers, must file § 43.61 international traffic data by July 31, 1998. Some carriers do not resell international services, but do include on their bills to customers international service charges clearly identified as the charges of other carriers. Such carriers are not required to file § 43.61 international traffic data.

The § 43.61 filing requirements depend on both the type of service provided and how carriers provide the service. The simplest filing requirements are for "pure resale" services. Carriers provide "pure resale" services by reselling the international switched services of other U.S.-authorized carriers. The Manual contains simplified filing requirements for such "pure resale" services. For example, carriers report their pure resale services on a world total (rather than a country specific) basis, and they may file their data on paper only (rather than also filing on diskette).

Carriers that provided international services over international circuits that they own or lease must provide significantly more information for these services than they provide for "pure resale" services. Carriers file annual data on a country-by-country basis for their facilities-based and facilities-resale services and must include information on international settlement payments and receipts. The Manual defines "facilities-based" service as a service provided using channels of communication which the carrier owns; or in which the carrier has an ownership interest, such as an indefeasible right of use (IRU); or which the carrier leases from an entity that is not required to report those circuits in its own § 43.61 reports. The Manual defines "facilities-resale" service as a service provided over non-switched international circuits leased from other reporting international carriers. In other contexts, the Commission refers to this method of providing international service as "private line resale." The routing of switched traffic over private lines between the United States and a foreign country has also been referred to as "International Simple Resale (ISR)." The rules governing the provision of ISR are set forth in § 63.21(a), 47 CFR 63.21(a), as amended in *Rules and Policies on Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market, Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-Affiliated Entities*, IB Docket Nos. 97-142, 95-22, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC Rcd 23891 (1997) (62 FR 64741, December 9, 1997), *recon. pending*.